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STARVATION NOW FACED BY PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN SONORA

FOOD SHORTAGE CAUSED BY EXTREME DROUGHT OF LAST TWO YEARS

NO LIVE STOCK LEFT; WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN PITIFUL CONDITIONS

DOUGLAS, Sept. 9.—Actual starvation is faced by the people of the southern part of the Sahuaripa district of Sonora. As a result farms and ranches which are far away from any food supplies are being deserted, while the people are flocking to the S. P. de M. railroad in order that they may have a chance to obtain something to eat. This was the statement of a well-known American who recently returned from that section.

The food shortage is caused by the extreme drought which has afflicted that section of Sonora during the last two years. Almost no crops have been made. On top of that, Villa's forces in going through the country en route to Chihuahua last winter took nearly all the food. The Carranza forces which were pursuing him and entered the district shortly afterward, completed the clean-up. When they had commandeered all of the food they could find the district was almost as bare as though locusts had swarmed over it.

This year there are good crops of corn but at least a month must pass before it will mature sufficiently for food. No live stock of any kind is left.

Children, deprived of proper food, are so emaciated that they resemble skeletons. They, as well as their elders, are almost without clothing in most cases and in some entirely naked except for rough breechcloths. Roots, cactus fruit and other herbs are supporting the people who remain.

"There is no bad feeling against the Americans that I was able to discover," said that informant. "The Carranza government is growing increasingly unpopular. This is chiefly due to the monetary policy which has forced southern Sonora along with the rest of the country to take the worthless fiat money. All other kinds have been demonetized by decree. Anyone attempting to use gold, silver or foreign money may be punished if apprehended. In Guaymas, Empalme and Hermosillo I found nothing but the fiat money of the Carranza issue being used."

DELIVERING ELECTION SUPPLIES TO OUT- SIDE PRECINCTS

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors A. C. Karger, left again this morning for the northern end of the county, where he will deliver his last load of election supplies to the precincts in that end of the county. Mr. Karger has been kept busy for the past week delivering supplies to those precincts not connected by rail, and will finish up today, allowing the time prescribed by law for supplies to be in the hands of election officers before election.

FIND TRUNK STOLEN FROM CHINAMAN WED- NESDAY NIGHT

With the finding of the trunk stolen from the Wing Lung Grocery on Wednesday, this morning about a mile and a half below town in a deep gulch, it is believed by Chief of Police Bravin that a possible clue may be found as to the identity of the robbers. Leonard Melgren, while out hunting early this morning ran across the trunk and reported it immediately to Chief Bravin, who recovered the trunk, which contained upon examination by its owners all the contents except the money and two checks. Tracks were found, resembling those found near the window through which the trunk was taken, and it is believed that a man and a boy were the ones who committed the burglary. There are several under suspicion and the next few days may bring out arrests. Last night another robbery was reported when a Mexican reported the loss of a .22 rifle and a cheap watch.

MUCH INTEREST ALREADY IN STATE FAIR THIS YEAR

With the mailing of the Arizona State Fair Premium list, together with other advertising matter, much interest is being taken in this year's fair. The office of Secretary Shaughnessy is being flooded with requests for catalogues, entry blanks and general information concerning harness events, general display, space, etc.

The department superintendents have begun active work collecting exhibits for their different departments and they report that everywhere that they go the people are showing greater interest than ever before, and they prophesy that the exhibition buildings will be taxed this year to their greatest capacity.

The dog fanciers of the state are taking considerable interest in the dog show to be conducted on the Fair Grounds November 14-17 by the Arizona Kennel Club. In this department alone, business houses and individuals have donated some 80 special prizes in the way of silver cups, etc.

In the poultry department the exhibition space has been doubled this year, and from the interest manifested by the poultryraisers to date, the show this year will undoubtedly be the biggest and best ever held in the southwest.

ARIZONA WILL QUARANTINE AGAINST MEXICAN LABORERS

FLAGSTAFF, Sept. 8.—Smallpox has been found among several batches of Chihuahua Mexicans who have been brought in to work on the Santa Fe railroad in Arizona. A decision has been reached by the state superintendent of health, Dr. R. N. Looney and Dr. Tom Manning, health officer of Coconino county, that a quarantine period of 18 days will be enforced on Mexicans from across the border.

ARIZONA EASTERN TO BUILD NEW STATIONS AT SAFFORD

SAFFORD, Sept. 8.—Handsome new passenger and freight depots are to be built at Safford by the Arizona Eastern railroad. The passenger station is to be of El Paso brick or concrete, with tile roof and will be 32x27 feet in size and equipped with a heating plant.

SUFFRAGE SISTERS TO ATTEND CONVENTION



Among the delegates to the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage association at Atlantic City, Sept. 9 to 10, will be two pairs of suffrage sisters. They are Mrs. Norman de R. Whitehouse, chairman of the New York State Woman Suffrage party, and her sister, Mrs. Felix Baldrige of Huntsville, Ala., and the twin sisters from the Twin Cities, Mrs. Sumner T. McKnight of Minneapolis and Mrs. Theodore White. In the accompanying illustration left is Mrs. Whitehouse; right Mrs. Baldrige; standing, Mrs. White; sitting, Mrs. McKnight.

DOUGLAS CHILD KID- NAPPED; FOUND IN EL PASO AND RETURNED

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 8.—As a result of an investigation of the alleged kidnapping of 13-year-old Lotta Whitson from her home in Douglas, Ariz., some time ago, a woman giving the name of Billie Patterson is being detained by the police, while the young girl has been placed in the Rescue home.

The arrest of the woman with the child in her possession was made Wednesday night by Officer Claude Smith, formerly of Douglas.

The mother of the child, according to the statements of her girl, Sergeant Charles Pollock, is a waitress employed in a hotel at Lowell, Ariz., about twenty miles west of Douglas. She was sent to Douglas to live with relatives and met Billie Patterson, whom she accompanied to El Paso. Billie Patterson said she took charge of the child because relatives mis-treated her.

ARIZONA CONGRESSMAN DEFEATS COPPER TAX

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The house tonight adopted the conference report which strikes the copper tax from the revenue bill according to the amendment which Congressman Carl Hayden of Arizona originally offered when the bill was under consideration in the house.

JUDGE SUTTER HERE.

Judge Fred Sutter, who has consented to ask for the democratic nomination for state senator, was a welcome visitor in Tombstone today. Mr. Sutter has always been popular here and received enthusiastic assurance that he will have a liberal support of the democrats in the primary election next Tuesday. He ranks as one of the ablest attorneys in the state and he is the only attorney asking for a seat in the state legislature from this county, consequently his election should be by acclamation. If elected he will be able to render valuable service to his county and state.

FROM BISBEE.
Joe Waters, of Bisbee, was a business visitor in Tombstone today.



Congressman Carl Hayden, of Arizona, who is a candidate for reelection this year. Friends of Carl, as he is familiarly known, strongly predict that he will succeed himself by a handsome majority.

JOS. A. IVEY FINISHES CAMPAIGN FOR CO. RECORDER

Jos. A. (Arthur) Ivey, who is a candidate for the democratic nomination for the office of county recorder has resided in Cochise county since a small boy. To those who do not know, Mr. Ivey was a candidate for the same office two years ago and it will be remembered that not until the final canvass of the vote by the board of supervisors was it known whether he or Mr. Murphy would be the next county recorder.

Mr. Ivey has had four years experience as a deputy in the office of the county recorder and is well qualified to conduct the affairs of that office in a manner that will not only be a credit to himself and his party, but to the people of Cochise county in general.

From an economical standpoint, being thoroughly familiar with the detail work of that office, Mr. Ivey is in a position to conduct the office at a saving of several hundred dollars per annum.

The only recommendation he has to present is his past record to whom he refers his former employers, and while it is impossible to personally solicit the support of every voter of the county, Mr. Ivey desires your support and co-operation, and he promises if nominated and elected he will always be at the wheel to execute his duties of his office in a satisfactory manner.

DOUGLAS MEN MAY GET CARNEGIE MEDAL FOR BRAVERY

DOUGLAS, Sept. 9.—The bravery of Private Michael McDonough, Company I, Fourteenth Infantry, and Frank Larison, a Douglas chauffeur, may be given recognition as a result of each having risked their lives to save others. McDonough, who is at the base hospital in Camp Harry J. Jones, went in to a cesspool in the rear of the residence of J. F. Nichols, Eighth street near D avenue, Wednesday afternoon in an attempt to rescue three Mexican laborers, drowning and partially overcome by sewer gas. He was himself overcome and doubtless would have succumbed, but for Larison, who brought him out and afterward aided the fire department in bringing out the bodies of the three Mexicans.

Officers of his regiment and Major Crabtree, commandant of the base hospital, will, it is understood, push the claims of McDonough for a congressional certificate of merit. Civilians in Douglas are discussing a plan to place the bravery of McDonough and Larison before the Carnegie commission in the hope that each will be awarded a medal and possibly a pension in addition.

LOCKE COMPLETES MAP OF OLD SPANISH TRAILS ROUTE

EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 8.—Harry Locke has completed his work of logging the "Old Spanish Trail," from Florida through El Paso to San Diego by the Borderland route from El Paso westward to connect up the eastern end of the automobile road. The announcement says that it is the only all year automobile road from ocean to ocean. The road comes through Dallas and Fort Worth and down along the Texas and Pacific as far as Midland, thence through Fort Stockton, Alpine, Marfa, and Sierra Blanca to El Paso. Mr. Locke says he will return to El Paso shortly to remap the Borderland west of here.

TO TUCSON.

Mrs. C. A. Morris has gone to Tucson for the winter at which place the Morris children will attend school.

COUNTY WILL PUT SILVER CREEK ROAD IN FIRST CLASS SHAPE

DOUGLAS, Sept. 9.—Practically all of the state funds \$10,000, which will be received by Cochise county this year, will be expended by the county on the Silver Creek section of the Borderland highway, raising the road above the creek level and placing it on the mountain side out of the reach of floods. It can then be traveled in perfect safety at all times.

This was decided upon at a meeting of the board of supervisors held in Tombstone Tuesday, according to J. M. Sparks, of this city, chairman of the board, who returned home Thursday.

The expenditures of the state funds on the road east of here will constitute it as a state highway, and from Douglas to the New Mexico border will pave the way for future improvements. Until state funds have been spent thus on a road it is not a state highway and cannot be considered so.

The funds will be available about October 1 and the work will start at that time, Mr. Sparks said.

After concluding the board meeting in the county seat, Mr. Sparks left for the western end of the county, visiting Benson, St. David and intermediate points, campaigning for renomination on the Democratic ticket at the primary next Tuesday.

NEGRO STEALS CANDI- DATES AUTO AND COM- PLETELY WRECKS IT

DOUGLAS, Sept. 9.—Judge J. C. Page, of Wilcox, candidate for the legislature on the democratic ticket, at the primary Tuesday, is campaigning on foot today. The Judge has been touring the county in a new Saxon Six, which he recently purchased. While in Douglas he was keeping it in a local garage.

The car just suited the taste of one Jones H. Floyd, a colored employe, and last night he stole it out of the garage, loaded in a couple of dusky maidens and a few pianinies and started on a joy ride. Everything was as merry as a wedding bell until about 9:30, when, according to Floyd's story, another automobile ran into him in front of the New Jersey camp.

THREE PAIRS OF TROUS- ERS GETS MEXICAN IN BAD

DOUGLAS, Sept. 9.—The fact that he had three pairs of trousers on his person, two pairs misplaced by being hidden under his coat, was advanced against Ygnacio Padilla, a Mexican, before Justice of the Peace R. S. Maclay yesterday. As a result Ygnacio will spend the next 60 days working for the county in Tombstone. The pants did not belong to him, but to J. S. Hahn, a G avenue merchant.

Padilla and a companion entered the store of Hahn and while the companion was pricing goods, Ygnacio picked out two good pairs of trousers, tied the legs around his waist under his coat and started out. He was caught and held for the officers. His companion and supposed accomplice ran at the first sign of danger and was not apprehended.

WHEELER IS STILL ON THE TRAIL OF ROBBERS OF LIMITED

NO WORD RECEIVED UP TO TODAY: IN THE CHIRICAHUA MOUNTAINS

SAM HAYHURST RETURNS TO DOUGLAS, LOSING TRAIL: NO ANXIETY FELT

Up to late this afternoon no word has been received at the sheriff's office from Sheriff Wheeler, who is somewhere in the Chiricahua on the trail of the six hold-ups who robbed the Golden State Limited.

According to word from Douglas, Constable Sam Hayhurst, who started on the hunt, returned there yesterday morning, reporting it was almost impossible to follow the trail of the robbers, owing to a heavy rain. Sheriff Wheeler is still in the mountains, the two officers having separated at the scene of the hold-up, not having seen each other since. The sheriff stated when he left Douglas that he would continue the pursuit until he captured them, or would become convinced that it was impossible to obtain any clue. He can be depended upon to follow them to a finish, and Chief Deputy Welch and the balance of his numerous friends, have not the least anxiety regarding his safety.

NEW BUILDINGS NEARING COMPLETION IN TOMBSTONE

Harry Ross is now completing his two remaining store buildings on Allen street which it is said will be occupied upon completion. Several Mexican "casas" are being constructed in the Mexican settlement and every carpenter, painter and plumber in the city is busy. Mr. A. E. Davis is building a bungalow on his property just west of town. It will consist of a large living room, kitchenette, bathroom and sleeping porch. The gable roof will cover the screen porch and is intended to be a comfortable place of its kind and particularly cool in the summer time and will contain several built-in features.

BLACKLEG EPIDEMIC IN PRESCOTT DISTRICT

PRESCOTT, Sept. 8.—An epidemic of blackleg has broken out on the ranges in this vicinity and several head of cattle have already died from the disease. Cattlemen are arranging to vaccinate their animals in the fight against the disease, which does not seem to be confined to any one locality.

KILLS BIG RATTLER.

Charles Warrham, a popular local carpenter, claims to have killed the largest rattler found in Cochise county in many months. Warrham went to Elgin, which is located in Santa Cruz county, several days ago, and returned yesterday. Near Tombstone he saw the reptile and killed it. The snake measured six feet from tip to tail.—Review.